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TAGS: ETRN FJ

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-FIJI BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

EA/ANP FOR MOSER MANILA FOR JOHN MEADOWS AND
WELLINGTON FOR AMBASSADOR

1. DEPUTY PRIMIN, WHO LED FIJIDEL TO LAST WEEK'S CIVAIR
TALKS IN HONOLULU: CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE AFTERNOON JUNE 10
TO BRIEF ME ON RESULTS OF TALKS. HE ADMITTED HE HAD GONE
TO HONOLULU OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE
LAST AND THAT FULL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT COULD BE MADE, AND
IS EXCEEDINGLY DISAPPOINTED THAT NO AGREEMENT REACHED ON ROUTE
SCHEDULES.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, PRESENT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT BY WHICH
PANAM FLIES THROUGH FIJI EXPIRES JUNE 14. DPM SEES NO ADVANTAGE
TO EITHER SIDE IF GOF ENFORCES THIS: BUT HE WILL HAVE TO
JUSTIFY CONTINUATION TO GOF. HE WOULD LIKE ARRANGEMENT
FOR PANAM TO CONTINUE AT LEAST AS LONG AS AIR PACIFIC'S
APPLICATION FOR LANDING RIGHTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY CAB,
AND ASKED ME IF HE JUSTIFIED IN TELLING GOF CAB IS TAKING
REASONABLE AMOOUNT OF TIME IN ACTING ON APPLICATION. I
ASSURED HIM I THOUGHT CAB WAS PROCESSING CASE AS RAPIDLY AS
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POSSIBLE. I WOULD APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, BEING ABLE TO GIVE DPM

SOME INDICATION WHEN FINAL DECISION MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING.

3. DECISION ON PANAM'S CONTINUING OPERATIONS WILL BE MADE PRIOR TO JUNE 14 AND USG WILL BE NOTIFIED, PRESUMBABLY THOUGH EMBASSY.

4. DPM READ ME STATEMENT HE IS RELEASING TO PRESS LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 10. ALTHOUGH STATEMENT BASICALLY FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF HONOLULU MEETING, IT DOES REFER TO GOF DISAPPOINTMENT OVER RESULTS AND TO "UNREASONABLE" ATTITUDE OF US IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS. DPM HOPES PRESS WILL NOT DISTORT RELEASE IN ATTEMPT TO MAKE HEADLINES, BUT OF COURSE COULD MAKE NO PROMISES.

5. I UNDERSTANDS USDEL, NOW IN MANILA, MAY RETURN TO US VIA FIJI FOR ADDITIONAL TALKS WITH GOF. WOULD APPRECIATE AS MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE. HALL

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